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## **REQUEST**

I am the editor of Environmental Health News. I am writing about a government to government consultation request made by the Menominee Tribe to the EPA (and Army Corps) to make a jurisdictional determination for the Menominee River over a wetland permit for a proposed mine. I've attached a copy of the press release on the request.

I was wondering if the EPA could comment on the request, how long it generally takes to respond to such requests, and define the agencies' role in determining when wetlands fall under state permitting control for such projects.